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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES/RESTRICTION UNDER 35 USC 121

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Dear Sir:

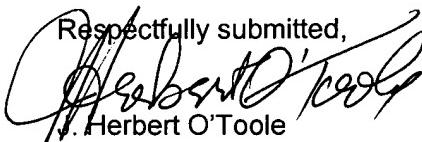
In response to the paper mailed 05 May 1005, applicants elect the compound wherein:

- a) the neutral ligands are alkyl amines, specifically n-propylamine
- b) the anion is Tf₂N; and
- c) the metal is Ag⁺

Specific reference is made to Fig. 6 filed with paper dated 29 June 2004.

Claims reading on the elected species are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Applicants understand that upon a determination of allowability of the elected species, examination will continue for all other species disclosed and claimed.

Respectfully submitted,


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